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Letter dated 17 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the letter that I addressed today to the Secretary-General with regard to the grave violations of the ceasefire, military agreements and Security Council resolutions committed by "polisario" (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Upon instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you that "polisario" is persisting with its provocative and destabilizing actions in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara, in blatant violation of the ceasefire in force since 1991, the military agreements and Security Council resolution 2414 (2018), adopted by the Security Council just three weeks ago on 27 April 2018.

In that regard, I should like to convey to you the following extremely serious and alarming information, which the Kingdom of Morocco has already brought to the attention of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and to MINURSO on numerous occasions:

1. **Establishment by "polisario" of fixed military sites in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara:**

   - The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco brought to your attention, during your meeting on 4 April 2018, the extreme gravity of the illegal "decision" of "polisario" to establish nine new fixed military sites in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara, as communicated to the MINURSO Force Commander on 24 March 2018.
   - MINURSO responded to "polisario" that the establishment of these sites violated military agreement No. 1.
   - On 3 May 2018, "polisario" committed another violation by notifying the MINURSO Force Commander of its "decision" to establish six new fixed military sites in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara.

2. **Organization by "polisario" of a military parade and manoeuvres in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara:**

   - On 20 May 2018, "polisario" plans to organize a military parade and manoeuvres in the locality of Tifariti, in the area east of the security structure, on the occasion of the so-called "forty-fifth anniversary of the creation of polisario and the start of the armed conflict".
   - In that regard, a large number of armed elements of "polisario" have been redeployed from the Tindouf camps in Algeria to the locality of Tifariti, in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara, to participate in the said military parade and manoeuvres.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation met with your Special Representative and Head of MINURSO yesterday in Rabat and presented him with irrefutable evidence of the aforementioned violations committed by "polisario".

The Kingdom of Morocco reiterates its firmest condemnation of these unacceptable provocations, which constitute flagrant violations of the ceasefire. The ceasefire established the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara as being devoid of any civilian or military presence.

These illegal actions by "polisario", a military armed group, constitute, moreover, a grave violation of military agreement No. 1.

In addition, the establishment of military sites and the organization of military parades and manoeuvres in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan

Sahara violate the provisions of resolution 2414 (2018), by which the Security Council expressed its concern regarding the provocations by "polisario" in the area east of the security structure and called for it to refrain from all of its destabilizing actions.

In the same resolution, the Security Council called for "polisario" to withdraw immediately from the buffer strip in Guerguerat.

MINURSO, as the guarantor of compliance with the ceasefire, must order "polisario" to refrain from the aforementioned illegal actions and from all its provocations, which undermine your efforts and those of your Personal Envoy to relaunch the political process, and which seriously threaten peace and security in the region.

MINURSO must, furthermore, require "polisario" to respect fully the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara as an area devoid of any civilian or military presence, with the exception of that of MINURSO, which is working to monitor the ceasefire.

The Kingdom of Morocco will not accept nor tolerate such violations; "polisario" will bear full responsibility for the consequences of its violations of the ceasefire, military agreements and Security Council resolutions.

This letter will be also transmitted to the President of the Security Council for circulation as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Omar **Hilale**
Ambassador
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